

DHAPP and HIV/AIDS Prevention in Togo

The mission of the *Department of Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention Program* (DHAPP) is to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS among uniformed personnel and assist in developing culturally focused, military-specific HIV prevention, care, and treatment programs. Since 2008, DHAPP's funding has allowed AMACACH, an NGO in Lomé, to work closely with HIV+ individuals, as well as infected and affected children. Another component of AMACACH's program is to organize mass sensitization/prevention activities via peer educators throughout military bases in Togo.



Embassy Donations Delivered!

Development Office team members recently delivered 5 large boxes of U.S. Embassy staff-donated clothing to *Aides Médicales et Charité*, an NGO with facilities in Lomé, Tsévié and Kpalimé. The organization provides treatment, care and counseling to HIV+ individuals as well as vulnerable orphans and children. A huge *merci beaucoup* to all U.S. Embassy personnel who donated!

Development Funding in Togo: Fun Facts

- The *Ambassador's Self-Help Fund* originated in **Togo** in 1964.
- **DHRF** – that's an acronym for the *Democracy and Human Rights Fund*. This year's focus in Togo will be *Prisons*. More info about those efforts will be shared in a future edition of *Development Talking Points*.
- **Humanitarian Assistance (HA)** Program projects for FY14 were submitted prior to the March 1st deadline. Fingers crossed!



Family Planning: Goals and Activities in Togo

Per the World Health Organization (WHO), "Family Planning (FP) allows individuals and couples to anticipate and attain their desired number of children and the spacing and timing of their births."

FP prevents pregnancy-related health risks in women, reduces infant mortality, helps prevent HIV/AIDS, empowers people and enhances education, reduces adolescent pregnancies and slows population growth.

In Togo, two local NGOs, *Association Togolaise de Bien Être Familial* (ATBEF) and *Appui au Développement et à la Santé Communautaire* (ADESCO) have worked on projects such as RESPOND (profiled in last month's newsletter) and AWARE II, both of which have increased awareness of FP and improved the quality of FP services offered.



Planification familiale



Family Planning